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Group Art Unit: 3618

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For: SNOWBOARD BINDING WITH REDUCED

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

- 1. Response to Election of Species Requirement
- 2. Return Receipt Postcard

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Order No.

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Dated: November 29, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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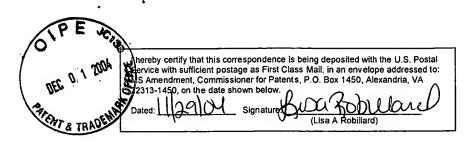
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIRMENT/AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed November 5, 2004, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species 2 corresponding to Figures 6 and 7 of the application. Claims 1-4, 6, 9-21, 26-35 and 40-43 correspond to elected Species 2. As indicated in the Election of Species Requirement, at least claims 1, 19 and 33 are generic.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this amendment.